

June 27, 2003

Honorable Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW - Portals II, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, No. 99-306; Certification Requirement for
Rural Carriers

Dear Secretary:

The Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) hereby notifies the Commission that FCC Minnesota, Inc. (RCC) was granted ETC status on May 13, 2003

In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements in *Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service, Ninth Report and Order, Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC 99-306*, the MPUC hereby certifies that it believes that RCC's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2003 is consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Attached is a copy of this Commission's May 13, 2003 Order in MPUC Docket No. 2002-344.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in returning a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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